

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF LUZERNE (County), AND
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER (PA SHPO),
FOR THE PROPOSED REHABILITATION AND REUSE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SCHOOL TO HOUSING, PLYMOUTH BOROUGH, LUZERNE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to 24 CFR 58, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has delegated the responsibility for compliance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 USC 470f) to recipient agencies receiving funds from the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the County, a Federally funded urban county, proposes to grant HOME funds (\$250,000.00) to Catholic Social Services, to provide funding for the St. Vincent de Paul School rehabilitation and reuse project; and

WHEREAS, the St. Vincent de Paul School at 123 Church Street, Plymouth Borough was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Project will have an adverse effect upon the historic and architectural qualities that make the St. Vincent de Paul school eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide written notification to the community and will accept and consider the public's comments submitted within 15 days after the date of publication; and

WHEREAS, the County has consulted with the PA SHPO pursuant to 36 CFR 800 regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended;

NOW THEREFORE, the County, and the PA SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the Project on the historic property.

STIPULATIONS

The County will take the following measures prior to the rehabilitation and reuse of the St. Vincent de Paul School, Plymouth Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

I. RECORDATION

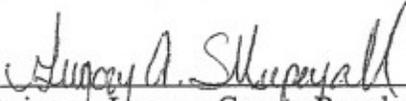
- A. ***Building Description and History:*** The County shall be responsible for preparing information required to supplement the recordation data already contained in the Pennsylvania Historic Resource Survey Form. That supplemental information shall consist of interior photographs and exterior photographs showing all exterior elevations of the building that are accessible for photography. Photographs will be taken with a 35mm camera with black and white print film. Negatives will be housed in polypropylene sleeves, labeled with the same information as the photographs, and submitted to PHMC/Bureau for Historic Preservation. Unless otherwise agreed to, the County shall ensure that the additional photographic documentation is accepted by the SHPO prior to authorizing any conversion activities.

II. PUBLIC OBJECTION

- A. During implementation of the measures stipulated in this Agreement, should a timely and substantive objection to any such measure or its manner of implementation be raised by a member of the public, the County shall take the objection into account and consult as needed with the objecting party, the PA SHPO, or the Council to resolve the objection.

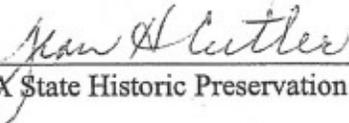
Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement by the County of Luzerne and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation and implementation of its terms is evidence that the County has afforded the Bureau for Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on the conversion and its effect on the historic property, and the County has taken into account the effect of the undertaking on the historic property.

County of Luzerne

By: 
Chairman, Luzerne County Board of Commissioners

Date: 11/19/04

Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer

By: 
PA State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 12/15/04